

**Dear Neighbor,**

As you likely remember, in 2023 we mailed a letter to property owners in the Township to get feedback on Cannabis regulations and opinions on community wide funding for roads.

After reviewing the responses, it appears that the vast majority were not interested in the road funding option and wanted us (your Township representatives) to focus on doing everything possible to keep the Jackson County Department of Transportation responsible for County Roads in our community.

When it comes to Cannabis regulations, many property owners (that responded) expressed significant concerns, objections and hesitation about the possibilities of amending ordinances to permit Cannabis retail operations, or processing / grow facilities. Please remember that our current Ordinance absolutely prohibits it.

However, the Township Board of Trustees has been asked to revisit the topic by our Planning Commissions' recommendations requesting us to reconsider our stance.

Therefore, we will be holding an open meeting on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm at the Columbia Charter Township hall.

We will be discussing the recommendations, receiving more input from the community and considering what is best for our hometown, while meeting our lawful requirements.

**I would like to invite you to attend the meeting and help us guide this important conversation.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please email me at [bmarsh@twp.columbia.mi.us](mailto:bmarsh@twp.columbia.mi.us) or call the office and leave a message so that I can call you back.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In service to you,

*Barry*

Barry Marsh, Supervisor  
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